(c) At some of the international airports abroad, the number of flights handled per hour is higher than the number of flights handled at Mumbai and Delhi airports. The number of flights handled not only depend on the air traffic but also depend on the number of runways, taxiways, associated facilities etc. which need improvement at these two airports.

Revision in fares of IA and AI

583. SHRIMATI SUKHBANS KAUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines and the Air India have revised air fares and freight rates during the last three months;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) the reasons for the increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) While Air India has not revised/raised the air fares and freight rates during the last three months, a marginal adjustment in fuel surcharge is done from time to time depending on cost of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF). Indian Airlines and Alliance Air (a subsidiary of Indian Airlines) have increased domestic freight rate and domestic Rupee fare by 10% effective October, 2005 to offset the increase in the cost of operation due to increase of ATF prices.

Action Plan for Development of Civil Aviation in U.P.

†584. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan has been prepared by Government for the development of Civil Aviation in U.P.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The Government does not draw action

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

plans for development of civil aviation for individual States. However, adequate attention is paid to the civil aviation needs of each State while undertaking development work.

In respect of State of Uttar Pradesh the Airports Authority of India has made plans for development of airports at Lucknow and Varanasi at an estimated cost of Rs. 95.44 crores and Rs. 111.40 crores, respectively.

As regards air connectivity, 5 cities in the State are connected by regular flights. Three of these cities viz. Kanpur, Allahabad and Gorakhpur have been brought back on aviation map in recent past.

New International Airport at Navi Mumbai

585. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in clearance of the project proposal for setting up an International airport at Navi Mumbai from different authorities concerned;

(b) the salient features of the project, the infrastructure connected therewith and the estimated cost thereof; and

(c) the details of its implementation schedule, so as to be able to meet the growing traffic needs of Mumbai by 2010-11?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) A proposal has been received from Government of Maharashtra seeking 'In principle' approval to build an airport at Navi Mumbai. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed an agreement with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to carry out Simulation Study of conflict free operations for existing airport at Mumbai and proposed airport at Navi Mumbai in coordination with AAI. State Government has been requested to firm up the exact location of the airport and take the necessary clearances.